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Thanks

... to those who supported our Science and Technology Fair team this week.
... to Don Cates who helped out at the middle school hockey tournament this week even though his daughter was not able to attend on the day.

People of the week

... those children brave enough to share their special talents in their class talent show auditions.

.. Jade B for this week's fund-raiser.

.. Our Science and Technology Fair representatives who achieved outstandingly well at this year's fair, ... prizes, overall including a top prize for year level. Perhaps more awards than any other school present, certainly per capita.

.. Parents and teachers for the many ways in which they supported and encouraged these students on their science fair journey over recent months, certainly a team effort.

.. Well done to the Fred's who play for Horo Horo Hockey. Maddison received "Player of the Year" and Tyronne "Most Committed".

.. Ex Matarau School students Matthew D, Hayden S, Alex G and Ethan H WBHS First XV Rugby vs St Kentigens College (Akld) game is being broadcast on Sky TV Saturday 29th August at 2.45pm.

Congratulations - Science and Technology Awards

... a special congratulations to the following students for their achievements this week ...

Aimee C	Winner	Best Year 7 Applied Science
Ella W	H/C	Tui Technology Award
Emily D	Winner	Most Popular Award
Ethan H	H/C	Best Year 8 Research
Grace W	H/C	Best Year 8 Investigation
	Winner	Farmlands Central Northland Research Award
Hayden C	Winner	Health & Wellness Award
Isaac W	H/C	Best Year 8 Investigation
	H/C	Farmlands Primary Industry Award
Joseph J	H/C	Geoscience Society of NZ Earth Science Award
Megan E	H/C	Best Year 8 Research
Olivia M	H/C	Best Year 7 Research
Johnathan D	Winner	Year 8 Outstanding Experimental Technique
	Winner	Best Year 8 Investigation
	Winner	Best Year 8 Exhibit
	Winner	NZ Society of Soil Science Award
	H/C	Farmlands Central Northland Research Award
	Winner	Dairy Industry Award

Whangarei Public Library

This week Year 6-8 students visited the Central Library. Students learnt about a number of services available. E-books may be downloaded, by your child, from the Whangarei Library website providing they have a library card. These electronic books do not incur overdue fees as they simply "disappear" from your computer or device at their due date. Also your child can order books from the library website to be delivered to Kamo Library for pick up. If your child is not signed up to the Whangarei Public Library, an opportunity to sign them up will be made available at Matarau School by a visiting Town Library librarian. Details in the next newsletter.

Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 1 September

A reminder that parents are required to transport (or arrange transport) for their own child(ren). Jenny Crawford will co-ordinate our team on the day, and so please report to her on arrival and offer your assistance where you can. Children may remain at the venue or return to school after races at your discretion. Children will need a drink bottle, warm clothing and their Matarau T-shirt. We suggest that you arrive at least half an hour before race start time.

Any questions in the run up to Mr Sinclair please.

Talent Show

... coming up 16 September. Auditions are under way. Any Questions in the run up to Mrs Walker please.

TRUTHFULNESS

... please keep the discussions going at home. Our goal is to be the most truthful school in the world .. even, as one child said this week, when it gets you into trouble.

Important High School Information Dates

Fri 13 th Nov	WGHS – Orientation Day
Nov	WBHS – Interviews and Enrolments start.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 22nd October 2015

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2015. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

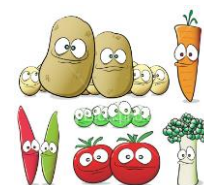
More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

Lost Property

... will be laid out for viewing prior to next Monday's school assembly (2:20 to 3:00). Please drop by to take a look.

Home Gardens

For those students participating in the Home Garden programme - diaries were issued today. We will meet fortnightly on Fridays. If you have some photos to share as you develop a garden please email to sabbott@matarau.school.nz.



Out of zone places

We can now advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2016 as follows (subject to possible minor adjustments ..

- ... sufficient places will be made available for siblings of current students
- .. seven places have been reserved at year 1 for out of zone students (priorities 3 through 6)
- .. eight places have been reserved at years 7 and 8 (priorities 3 through 6)

These places will be publicly advertised approximately mid-September, closing date 14 October, ballot date 21 October. Application forms will be available at the school office from next week.

Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme

Kevin is highly available (by appointment) from 2:30 PM on most days next week to meet with parents wanting to discuss this programme. A general meeting will be held 3:15 on Wednesday 9 September in the staffroom. All interested parents are warmly invited to attend. We will talk about the respective Cambridge pathways which will ensure all children are benefitted. No matter where a child is on entry to the Lower Secondary Programme, our goal is for every child leaving in year 8 to be at least 6 to 12 months ahead of where they would be academically had they not done this programme.

Next Year ... those not attending Matarau School

In last week's newsletter we advised we would shortly ask for parents to indicate if their child would NOT be at Matarau School next year. This is so that we can balance class numbers, and respond to out of zone enquiries. We do NOT want anyone to feel under any pressure. You may be waiting for plans to materialise, you might want time to consider options, or you may want to come in and talk to us about options for your child .. whatever your situation, take the time you need.

BUT, if you do know your plans already, please advise Helen on Monday morning or via answerphone on the weekend (please do not send the message via your child or their class teacher). **This is especially important for parents of year 6 children. We have anecdotal information (even before we market) of interest in our Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme from out of zone families and would like to fill all available spaces.**

Finally

We feel hugely proud of our Science Fair representatives for their achievements this week. Congratulations to you all. Thank you to teachers for guiding the process, no small task when you have 50 individual projects going at the same time, along with all the other demands of a teaching day. Sometimes teacher's efforts are unseen, but these efforts are the crucial determinant of overall quality. Thanks also to parents who have provided advice and encouragement to their children along the way. And finally, to the students, for lasting the distance and for stepping outside their comfort zones. You can all feel pretty good about what you have achieved.

Regards

Kevin Trewhella
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Lost

- ❖ Pair of boys Asics sport shoes, orange and blue coloured, nearly new. Will have Jacob S name in them. Maybe accidentally picked up outside Room 9 last week.
- ❖ Green and black flat cap with a gold money clip and the words "Flat Fity" on the front.

If you have seen these items, please return to the office.

Community Notices

Action Zone SPRING Camp is running again during the holidays (27th Sept- 2nd Oct). for 9-13 year olds (up to Yr8) at Marsden Bay Christian Camp located in One Tree Point, Northland. Activities include: motorbikes, buggies, canoes, water slide, flying fox beach activities, sports rounds and much much more. Contact: Trish Ellis, 35 Hilltop Ave, Morningside, Whangarei 0110, Ph: (09) 438 0333, actionzonecamps@gmail.com

Whangarei Coral Society – presents Down Memory Lane, St John's Church, Kamo Rd, Saturday 5th September at 2.30pm. Admission by programme: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children under 15 yrs free.

Hurupaki Educare - September/October Holiday Programme 2015

We are opening on Monday 28th September for 10 days, based in the Hurupaki School Hall. Activities include trips to ten pin bowling, movies x 2, mini golf, along with other action packed days. The programme is OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance - conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. To view and download forms go to www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contact Sian on 0272405683 or info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz for more information.



\$300.00 exactly was raised in support of Jade Bean's effort to raise money for Child Cancer.

What an awesome achievement. Well done everyone!